

ST. PAUL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

– CHURCH OF THE LUTHERAN CONFESSION –
LAKEWOOD, COLORADO



Come,
let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the Lord
our Maker.

Psalm 95:6

**4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (FATHER'S DAY)
JUNE 20, 2021**

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ORDER OF WORSHIP: SERVICE OF THE WORD

(printed on insert inside front cover of maroon hymnal)

- ◆ Pre-Service Devotion: Psalm 92 (pew bible, p.530)
- ◆ The Hymns: 793, 730, 725, 582
- ◆ Scripture Lessons: Proverbs 3:1-6,11-18; 1 John 2:1-6,12-13,15-17
- ◆ Psalm of the Day: From Psalm 145
- ◆ Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (*liturgy insert, p.15*)

Sermon Text – Psalm 78:1-8

***THANK THE LORD FOR
HIS GIFT OF CHRISTIAN FATHERS***

- ◆ Presentation of the Offering
- ◆ Prayer & Lord's Prayer
- ◆ Benediction
- ◆ Closing Hymn (582)

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Large print bulletins are available on the shelf by
the tract rack or by request from an usher.

You may contribute an offering for God's kingdom work by
putting it in the collection plate located by the back pew.
There will be no offering collection during the service.

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES

First Lesson – Proverbs 3:1-6,11-18

1 My son, do not forget my teaching, but keep my commands in your heart, 2 for they will prolong your life many years and bring you prosperity. 3 Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. 4 Then you will win favor and a good name in the sight of God and man. 5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. 11 My son, do not despise the LORD'S discipline and do not resent his rebuke, 12 because the LORD disciplines those he loves, as a father the son he delights in. 13 Blessed is the man who finds wisdom, the man who gains understanding, 14 for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold. 15 She is more precious than rubies; nothing you desire can compare with her. 16 Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honor. 17 Her ways are pleasant ways, and all her paths are peace. 18 She is a tree of life to those who embrace her; those who lay hold of her will be blessed.

Psalm of the Day – From Psalm 145

P Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise:
C His greatness no one can fathom.
P One generation will commend your works to another:
C They will tell of your mighty acts.
P They will tell of the power of your awesome works:
C And I will proclaim your great deeds.
P The LORD upholds all those who fall:
C And lifts up all who are bowed down.
P The eyes of all look to you:
C And you give them their food at the proper time.
P You open your hand:
C And satisfy the desires of every living thing.
P The LORD is near to all who call on him:
C To all who call on him in truth.
P He fulfills the desires of those who fear him:
C He hears their cry and saves them.

Second Lesson – 1 John 2:1-6,12-13,15-17

1 My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. 2 And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world. 3 Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. 4 He who says, "I know Him," and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. 5 But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in

Him. 6 He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked. 12 I write to you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake. 13 I write to you, fathers, because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you have overcome the wicked one. I write to you, little children, because you have known the Father. 15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever. [NKJV]

Sermon Text – Psalm 78:1-8

1 O my people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth. 2 I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter hidden things, things from of old— 3 what we have heard and known, what our fathers have told us. 4 We will not hide them from their children; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done. 5 He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel, which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children, 6 so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. 7 Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands. 8 They would not be like their forefathers— a stubborn and rebellious generation, whose hearts were not loyal to God, whose spirits were not faithful to him.

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A WARM WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP GUESTS. The members of St. Paul are pleased to meet you and glad that you are here to worship with us today. We are a congregation committed without reservations to the entire Truth of God's Word, the Bible. We have found joy and hope in the Gospel of Christ. We have found moral guidance, a way of life, and the promise of eternal life in the Scriptures. It gives us pleasure to share these blessings with you. We invite you to sign our guest book and to come worship with us again!

SERVING US AT GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Organist: Lisa Sprengeler

Usher: Bob Rankin

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL

Today (6/20)	9:30 am	Worship Service
	10:45 am	Bible Class (Convention <i>Prospectus</i> Presentation, Part 2)
Thu-Sun		CLC Convention at Eau Claire, WI (see note below)
Sun (6/27)	9:30 am	Worship Service

UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer Clean-Up Day: Sat, July 17 (8 to noon)

St. Paul Church Dedication 20th Anniv Service: Sun, Aug 29, 3:00 pm

MEETINGS

Mary/Martha Ladies: Sun. July 11, 10:45 am

Church Council: Sun. July 18, 10:45 am

Quarterly Voters: Sun. July 25, 10:45 am

Elders: Sun. August 1, 8:30 am

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT: Travis and Kylee Acker were blessed with the gift of a son on Sunday, June 6. The child's name is *KACEN MICHAEL*. We thank the Lord for this wonderful gift to Travis and Kylee. The baptism date will be announced soon.

NOTE TO OUR COMMUNICANTS: The Lord's Supper will be celebrated one week later than is customary in July (on Sunday, July 11).

SYNOD NEWS & NOTES

The CLC Convention will be held this week Thursday–Sunday on the campus of Immanuel Lutheran College, Eau Claire. Those representing St. Paul at the convention will be Fred Brethauer, Mike Sprengeler, and Pastor Schuetze. Fred will serve on Floor Committee #6 (Membership/Constitution), Mike on Floor Committee #3 (Missions), Pastor Schuetze on Floor Committee #5 (Finances). This year’s convention theme is *“Still Our Great Commission: ‘Make Disciples of All the Nations.’”*



- ➔ A video titled “HOW DOES CONVENTION WORK?” was produced by the Board of Education several years ago. It can be viewed from this address on the internet: clclutheran.org (scroll down and click on “CONVENTION 2021”). Be encouraged to watch it. It is 14 minutes in length.
- ➔ The Convention Communion service will be held at Messiah, Eau Claire on Saturday, June 26, at 7:00 pm. The service will be live streamed. To view, go to www.eauclairemessiah.com and click on the "Live Stream" button (lower left).
- ➔ The Convention itself, while in session, will also be live streamed. To view, search for “ilcvideos” on www.youtube.com.
- ➔ The Convention schedule is printed in the Convention *Prospectus*, beginning on page 6. The Prospectus is available online at tinyurl.com/clcprosp-21.

The Women’s Retreat West at Chadron State Park in Chadron, NE will be held September 17-19, 2021. Further information re. this wonderful annual retreat can be found on the bulletin board in the entry way, including brochures for registration. Please consider attending this edifying retreat!

The Annual Grade School Volleyball Camp will be held July 18-21 at Immanuel High School in Eau Claire WI. It is for girls entering Grades 4-8. The deadline for registration is July 1. For more information and to register online, visit tinyurl.com/ilc-vballcamp.

Health Update (from Pastor Joe Naumann): “Early yesterday morning, my wife gave birth to our fourth child, Adelaide Hope Naumann. I performed her baptism about 15 minutes later. Adelaide was born at 23 weeks 3 days. She weighed 1 lb. 7oz and was 11.25 inches tall. All the praying you did was very helpful. The week we spent at the hospital did a lot to prepare Adelaide for the outside world ... Thank you for all of your prayers and support through this time. God is indeed so good to all of us. We continue to trust in His caring hand to protect Adelaide during her time in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in Minneapolis, MN. *Mark 10:14-16* “*Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.*’ And He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them, and blessed them.” All love in Christ! Pastor Joe and Rachel Naumann

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FOR HOME DEVOTIONS

JUNE 21-26

Mon Ezekiel 17:22-24 Need help with this parable? Read the rest of the chapter, for the *tender, young twig* appears to be the spiritual side of Israel, where God *exalts what is lowly*, takes what is *dry and makes it flourish* (24). This prediction for Israel melds into a prophecy for others, and fits the case of Christians who are afflicted by Satan, world, and their own sinful nature.

Tues Mark 4:26-34 What force causes the seed to sprout, makes it grow through natural stages, and develop into seed-heads? This is not a lesson in botany, but insight into God's Word producing grand results in His kingdom (26-29). Putting it another way, God takes a small nucleus and makes it grow into a sheltering refuge for travelers on their flight homeward (30-32). We have seen God doing that miracle in our own town and congregation.

Wed 2 Corinthians 5:1-10 Our earthly life is like living in tents and moving from one campground to another because we don't own real estate. Now then, since heaven is our home and God has *prepared us for this very thing*, (8-9), we trust God to honor our reservation when we show up to claim it.

Thurs Psalm 92 honors God for producing us in His workshop, thus making us His workmanship. Tough He's not finished with us, we are winners already (1-5). Note: palm trees are good for producing edibles, and cedars are good for lumber – so both have their places among God's abundant blessings.

Fri Matthew 13:24-30 and 36-43 This message from Jesus humbles us, for He is giving us the bad news that Satan can infiltrate the ranks of confessing Christians; such hypocrites may escape detection in our congregations and fellowship for a lifetime – until Jesus pulls them out and puts them where they belong. [Now, don't skip the closing verse, 43; it's good news.]

Sat Acts 27:39-28:1 Some might say that God was wasting time with those sailors, soldiers, and passengers at the mercy of the storm, but we know better, for they were not at the mercy of the storm but rather at the mercy of God. They had lost the cargo, the ship's running gear, and their personal belongings—so all they had left were their own lives. When the desperate soldiers planned to kill the prisoners, *lest any of them should swim away and escape* with their lives, the Lord made use of their superior officer to be more compassionate (43) and order everyone to abandon ship. So overboard they went, swam as best they could and/or latched onto floating debris, and that's how all escaped (Aha!) drowning and set foot on the beach of the island of Malta. ALL this happened exactly as God willed, for He had other plans for Paul, and 275 others had their time of grace extended. Praise the Lord!